GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – BC Welfare Department – V&E Surprise check - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired)- Article of Charges – Orders – Issued.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.40 **Dated:16-02-2022.**
Read the following:

G.O.Ms.No.33, BC Welfare (D) Dept., dated.16.02.2022.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government in the reference read above, under Sub-Clause (i) of clause (b) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for initiating departmental proceedings against Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired), it is considered necessary to hold an inquiry against the said Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired), is directed to submit her written statement of defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired), is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired), is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that under no circumstances Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that the said Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu (now retired) "through" the Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada. (with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledged served copy)
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[Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.40, BCW(D) Dept., Dt:16.02.2022]

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SMT. I.R. BHARGAVI, THE THEN DBCWO, ANANTHAPURAMU (NOW RETIRED):-

While working as District BC Welfare Officer, Ananthapuramu District, Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, has committed the following grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I :-

That Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu(now retired), has failed to inspect the hostels regularly in her jurisdiction as per prescribed norms and failed to supervise the performance of ABCWO & HWO, resulting in several irregularities committed on part of HWO & ABCWO and mismanaging of the hostel, being a District in charge whole & sole responsible for hostel administration.

CHARGE-II :-

That Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu(now retired) has failed to get sanction the budget to meet the needs of accommodation, compound walls, installing firefighting equipment.

Thus Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu(now retired) by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. I.R. BHARGAVI, THE THEN DBCWO, ANANTHAPURAMU (NOW RETIRED):-

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department has conducted Surprise checks on AP Social Welfare and BC Welfare Hostels in 6 Districts of the state and furnished their report in Vigilance cum system improvement report No.57 (C.Nos.2414, 1525, 6030, 3919, 4681, 2697,& 322/V&E/D2/2018), Dt.29.05.2019 and stated as follows:-

Certain HWOs of Ananthapuramu District have committed the irregularities/lapses i.e., (1) Not residing near to the Welfare Hostel, (2)not guiding the students properly it all activities i.e., discipline, taking of attendance, conducting of roll calls, (3)Found stock Variation and stock register not maintained, (4) Misusing of provisions and poor quality of provisions, (5) Non–utilization of Bio-metric System, (6)Maintaining poor Sanitary conditions and providing unsafe Water, (7) Poor Lighting facility & congested Accommodation provided to the students, (8) Irregular purchase of commodities, (9) Not conducting regular Medical Check-up of students.

Hence, the charge against Smt. I.R. Bhargavi, the then DBCWO, Ananthapuramu(now retired) as he has failed to inspect the hostels regularly in her jurisdiction and failed to supervise the performance of ABCWO & HWO of concerned hostels and failed to to get sanction the budget to meet the needs of accommodation, compound walls, installing firefighting equipment and appraise the superior officers lack of infrastructure facilities, resulting in several irregularities committed on part of HWO and mismanaging of the hostel.

Thus, the Government servant by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. I.R. BHARGAVI, THE THEN DBCWO, ANANTHAPURAMU (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

Vigilance cum system improvement report No.57 (C.Nos.2414, 1525, 6030, 3919, 4681, 2697,& 322/V&E/D2/2018), Dt.29.05.2019 from the G.A (V&E) Department.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. I.R. BHARGAVI, THE THEN DBCWO, ANANTHAPURAMU (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

-Nil-

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